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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2007 and the Office Communication of Dec, 31, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 11 of this paper.